

Lesson Four

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Recap

End goal of these Hadiths and class:

1. Try to make some modifications in our lives.
2. Understand the world in the correct way.
3. Have intention to have the correct outlook of the world expressed in these narrations and following the guidance of the Prophet (saw).

Hadith 1

The Prophet (saw) is giving the comparison of two wolves set loose among some goats – how destructive they may be. There is something worse than that – it is the greed and avarice of a human being for wealth and honor/position for its own sake.

[1] How detrimental this is for the goats/their owner.

[2] Greed for wealth and honor/position are destructive to a person's Deen. This is worse because you do not see the destruction until it is too late – will see it in the hereafter.

[3] Example of righteous person who is destroyed by wealth – may lead him to haram.

[4] Honor/position – could lead to Shirk, hypocrisy, lying, and other bad morals/manners

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Hadith 2

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “anything that you spend on yourself or others is in the path of Allah, except when you spend it in building beyond your need. There is no good in that.”

Meaning: Anything that you build what is over necessary. Anything you build for status purposes – that is problematic.

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Hadith 3

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “anything you spend on your children, on yourself, on others, you will be rewarded for it, except his spending in this soil/earth”

[1] Diminishes the status of buildings.

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Hadith 4

The Prophet (saw) saw a building with dome or a pavilion on it and said more or less “What is this?” The Sahaba (r) responded it is so and so Sahabi’s (r). Prophet (saw) became silent, but kept this feeling in his heart until the person who’s building it was came to the Prophet (saw) in a gathering. The Prophet (saw) said Salaam to everyone but that person, who tried to make Salaam again and again. He recognized that the Prophet (saw) was angry with him and ignoring him. The Sahabah (r) explained to him that the Prophet (saw) saw his domed structure. As soon as he heard this, he destroyed it immediately until it was totally flattened. The Prophet (saw) went out another day and saw the building was not there and remarked “What happened to this.” The Sahaba (r) explained that the owner was concerned about the way the Prophet (saw) treated him and we told him why and then he destroyed the structure.

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “Know that every structure is going to be a burden on its owner except that which is necessary, except that which is necessary”

[1] Whatever a person needs – there is no question about that – no questioning about this.

[2] Anything beyond that – he will be questioned about it.

Note: If the building is your business which you use to spend in the path of Allah– then okay.

Note: If the building is an honor/status symbol/your are showing off- then it is not okay.

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Hadith 5

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “it suffices you in terms of collecting wealth to have a servant and means of conveyance in the path of Allah (swt)”

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Hadith 6

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “The son of Adam has no right except in the following things: to have a house to live in, clothing which covers his nakedness, dry piece of bread and water. Anything beyond the above, he will be questioned about.”

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Hadith 7

A person came to the Prophet and asked “Tell me about an action that if I do, Allah will love me and people will love me. Prophet (saw) said more or less “Abstain from the Dunya (don’t love the Dunya) and Allah will love you. Keep away from what people possess (don’t love what people love) and people will love you”

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Hadith 8

The Prophet (saw) once slept on his mat and when he stood up, it had left marks on his body. A Sahabi (r) said “Oh Prophet if only you told us/commanded us/allowed us, then we would spread a softer mat for you.” The Prophet (saw) said more or less “What is my relationship/connection with the world. Me and the Dunya are just like the rider staying for a short time in the tree and then he is off.”

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Hadith 9

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “The most envious of my friends to me is a believer who is very light (a person who has less wealth, less engagements, no connections to the world – just has enough to survive), he has his allotment of prayers, he performs the worship of his Lord beautifully, and he just doesn’t do this openly for people to see, but obeys Allah in secret (has sincerity of the heart), and he is low key (not one for fame), people do not point towards him (he does all of this for the sake of Allah), he has sufficient sustenance to get by and he is patient and preserves on that.”

Prophet (saw) clicked his fingertips together and made a noise. He (saw) said, “Even after he dies the criers will be very little and he has very less inheritance.”

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Hadith 10

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “My Lord presented to me/gave me the option that He would make the entire valleys of Mecca gold for me. I said no way. I just want to be satiated one day and the next day I want to be hungry. So that when I am hungry I will remember You and when I am satisfied I will praise You and thank You.

[1] Be grateful to Allah (swt)

[2] Do not use wealth in wrong way/haram way – fulfill the right of wealth

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Hadith 11

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “Whoever wakes up in the morning with safety in his home/family, healthy in his body, and he has enough to pass the day, then it is as though he has the entire world at his disposal.”

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